AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The speech coding apparatus according to claim ~~1~~ 3, wherein the frequency parameters are line spectral pairs.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A speech coding apparatus ~~according to claim 1~~ for coding an input signal consisting of one of a speech signal and a voice-band non-speech signal, said speech coding apparatus comprising:

a discriminator for deciding as to whether the input signal is a speech signal or a non-speech signal;

a frequency parameter generator for outputting, when the input signal is the speech signal, frequency parameters that indicate characteristics of a frequency spectrum of the speech signal, and for outputting, when the input signal is the non-speech signal, frequency parameters obtained by correcting frequency parameters that indicate characteristics of a frequency spectrum of the non-speech signal;

a quantization codebook for storing codewords of a predetermined number of frequency parameters; and

a quantizer for selecting codewords corresponding to the frequency parameters output from said frequency parameter generating means by referring to said quantization codebook,